

Washington, DC -- U.S. Representative Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) announced today that he has secured \$2 million in congressionally-directed funding for Cortland Cable to conduct research and development of flexible hose for the U.S. Navy's MK48 Torpedo, which will allow for directional control once it has been launched from a submarine.

"It's amazing that right here in Cortland County one of our local businesses is conducting some of the most advanced research and development the world has ever seen," **said Arcuri**.

"Cortland Cable is a pillar of the local economy, and I plan to continue working with its outstanding leadership to grow and create more jobs. This technology is not only important for the Navy, but also ensures that torpedoes stay on target and do not go off course and possibly result in injury to non-combatants."

For more than 10 years, the Cortland Cable Company has manufactured a long, heavy flexible hose which allows US Navy submarines to launch the MK 48 Torpedo and conduct high speed maneuvers without entangling the wire guidance system in the submarine's propeller or fins. Recent changes in global threats have required the U.S. Navy to be able to launch and control these torpedoes from shallow waters in response to potential threats from terrorists and smaller nations. The MK48 Torpedo employs a guidance wire system which enables the operator to control the weapon after it has been launched from a submarine. The weapon can also send limited tactical information back to the submarine so that the crew can better understand the weapon's tactical situation and the overall engagement scenario.

"This \$2,000,000 in Congressional funding will allow Cortland Cable to assist the U.S. Navy in developing an innovative post-launch system which will ensure that the Navy can meet these new tactical requirements," **said John Stidd, President and CEO of Cortland Cable**. "It will also mean that Cortland Cable will be able to retain this valuable business and will likely need to add engineering and production jobs to deal with a new and more complex product for the U.S. Navy. I am very thankful for all the hard work Congressman Arcuri and his staff did to secure these funds."

The \$2 million secured by Arcuri is included in the fiscal year 2008 Defense Appropriations bill, which was approved by the House Appropriations Committee last week and is expected to be considered in the House later this week.

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